

Corvallis Times.

Official Paper of Benton County.

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IS IT WAR?

The dispatches of yesterday are ominous of war in the far East. The situation is declared to be critical with little or no hope of peace. If war comes, it will be the ripe fruit of 300 years of aggression by Russia in Asia. In 1581 the furthest limit of Russia was but 800 miles east of St. Petersburg. Little by little, and always at a time when the world was absorbed with issues elsewhere, the Russian outposts have been thrown further and further to the eastward until the Pacific Ocean has been reached. While France and England were storming the bastions of Sebastopol in 1865 the magnificent valley of Amoor was Russianized. By intrigue and diplomacy the czar has acquired a tomahawk right to Manchuria, which Japan tore from China in the recent struggle between China and Japan. Eastward and southward Russia has been steadily marching by stealth and cunning, her encroachments having continued until Japan is at last driven into a corner where she must fight or, if the onward march of the Slav is kept up, be literally swept from the face of the earth. In short, with its banners of cunning and conspiracy, the Russian empire, if permitted to continue its aggressions, promises to encircle Asia and enter her own dominions again at the Bosphorus. If Japan elects to fight and war comes, her triumph would be a well deserved check to a nation that is nothing more nor less than a gigantic robber of other nations.

A RAILROAD'S ASSESSMENT.

Parcels of Land so Small That the Assessment is Only Three Cents.

At the sheriff's office yesterday was completed the annual and aggravating task of preparing a statement of the taxes of the Oregon and California railroad company. The job is an intricate and tedious one. The company pays a tax of \$2,539. It is partly on tracks but much is on lands in the county. Some of these lands have been sold and it is stipulated that the buyer shall pay the tax. This makes a segregation of the lands necessary. In some instances the company owns as small a tract as one-sixteenth of an acre, and on this, as well as on every tract, some of an acre and so on, the extensions have to be made and the tax computed. In some instances the amount of the tax so carried out is but three cents. The largest instance in the \$2,539 that the company pays, is \$87. The whole assessment covers no less than five pages of the big tax roll. All this makes the preparation of the statement for the company an arduous and delicate task. Sheriff Burnett completed it yesterday morning, and the statement went to the company headquarters at Portland yesterday.

ALL TO MEET.

Next Month—Benton County Road Supervisors—To Unite on Plan for Best Roads.

All the road supervisors of Benton county are to meet in Corvallis at the March term of the county court for a discussion of best roads. An order summoning all the road officials to attend was made at this week's meeting of the county court. The meeting is to occur on Thursday, the second day of the March term, and per diem is to be paid the supervisors. The plan is the same as that followed by the court last year. Methods of improvements and the requirements of each district are to be discussed, so that methodical and systematic action may be secured.

Such a meeting last year is believed to have brought about most favorable results. Linn county, which has hitherto depended upon a roadmaster, is adopting the same plan this year, and a meeting of supervisors was held in that county last Wednesday. It is believed that ultimately all the counties in the state will follow the example that Benton county has set in this particular.

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THE COMING ASSESSMENT.

Exemptions Allowed This Year—Every Taxpayer Must be Sworn.

The new tax law makes no change with reference to the date for beginning the assessment. As formerly, the assessment of each individual has reference to the amount of property he possessed on the 1st day of March. Accordingly it is on that date that each taxpayer is supposed to make an inventory of his belongings so that he may properly fill out the assessment blank supplied by the assessor. Assessor Bush has provided himself with the requisite blanks, and is making preliminary preparations for beginning work March 1st.

A practice to be observed this year is that all taxpayers will be required to make affidavit to the list they prepare of their property. The new law leaves the assessor no alternative in the matter. It reads as follows:

"Every assessor shall require any person liable to be taxed in his county to furnish him a list of his real estate situated in his county liable to taxation, and a list of all his personal property liable to taxation in this state, and shall require such person to make oath that to the best of his knowledge and belief such list contains a full and true account of all his property liable to be taxed in such county, and if any person shall refuse to furnish such list, and to swear to the same when required to do so by the assessor, such person shall forfeit and pay to the assessor, for the use of the county, the sum of \$20, which sum may be recovered by motion in any court having jurisdiction of matters of debt or contract to the amount of \$2."

A fact in connection with the above is that the supreme court has held that the assessor is not bound to accept the list sworn to by the taxpayer as a true assessment. If the assessor ascertains that the statement does not include all the property he may add the missing property, or make up a new list altogether.

In the new law there is provision for allowing household exemptions. The amount to be allowed is \$300 for every household.

GOES AFOOT

At Some Points—Carriers on R. F. D. Routes—Extra Pay for Them.

The patrons of R. F. D. Route number 2 have pledged the carrier an aggregate of \$7.50 per month, extra pay. There is some talk to the effect that the amount will be further increased, as several patrons willing to assist have not been seen. At one point of the road the carrier ties up his team, and takes it afoot. This is on the Beaver Creek road from Fern to the school house, a distance of a mile and a half. Another bad stretch of road on the same route is between Browns bridge and the Hughes corner, where for half a mile traveling is very difficult. A stretch of three miles on the same road between Muddy and the State road is most of the time partly covered with water and in a bad condition. It is said that a little work in the way of drainage would do much to better conditions, as the road is ordinarily not extensively used.

On Route number 3, the worst of the road the carrier encounters is in Linn county. However, from the French to the Davis place in Benton on the Odd Fellows cemetery road there is a stretch where the carrier ties up his team and cuts across the country afoot to Davis'. Those who have contributed to the extra fund for the carrier on Route 2 are:

Samuel Whitesides, S. K. Brown, William Eunson, B. F. Totten, W. H. McBee, Robert Hughes, S. D. Hughes, J. H. Hughes, Garrett Long, O. G. Buntin, B. Hansen, C. Boehringer, T. H. Cooper, G. Newton, C. C. Huff, O. L. Davis, J. P. G. Henderson, and H. J. Hall.

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Into a grammar school, cram him with talk;
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LAW REQUIRES IT.

Spraying for San Jose Scale—Parties Who Don't do it, May be Sued.

Information as to the prevalence of San Jose scale about Corvallis continues to be received. The obnoxious pest affects not only fruit trees, but rose bushes and other ornamental shrubs. In many instances the degenerate condition of the latter is ascribed by housewives to other causes when as a matter of fact it is Scale. Spraying time is nearly here, and an important fact in the matter is that the spraying, even where shrubs or fruit trees are not affected results in a healthy vigorous growth. A further fact is that people whose trees are affected with Scale are liable to be sued in the courts. Writing in the Oregonian E. L. Smith, president of the State Board of Horticulture says:

"The San Jose scale is one of the most dreaded pests the horticulturist has to contend with, and its presence is a constant menace not only to fruit trees and nurseries, but to many of our ornamental trees and shrubs as well, even among our forest trees it is suited with the willow and alder as with the cherry and the apple.

There is no public fund that can be applied for abating this nuisance; nor ought there to be, for it is the plain duty under the law for every lot and landowner to keep his premises clean of injurious insects, and if he refuses or neglects to do so, the horticultural commissioner can have it done and the expense of disinfection will be paid by the county court and a lien thereby placed upon his property for the amount so paid. To make this plain, I beg to quote as briefly as possible some of the provisions of section 10, horticultural law, 1895. This section after providing for notice, declares infested trees a public nuisance and further recites:

"It shall be the duty of the board of horticulture, or the members thereof in whose district said nuisance shall exist, or the secretary under his or their direction to cause such nuisance to be at once abated, by destroying said insects or pests, of their eggs or larvae or by treating or disinfecting the infested or diseased articles. The expense thereof shall be a county charge and the county court shall allow and pay the same out of the general fund of the county. Any and all sums so paid shall be and become a lien upon the property and premises from which said nuisance shall have been removed or abated, in pursuance of this act, and may be recovered by a suit in equity against such property or premises; which suit to foreclose such liens shall be brought in the circuit court of the county where the premises are situated by the district attorney, in the name and for the benefit of the county making such payments."

This course has been pursued in Union county; the court promptly paid the bills and liens were thereby created on the land."

WHAT HE SAID

About Webfoot Women—They Like Rain—Weather Figures for January.

For the first time in about three weeks, it rained in the early hours of Thursday morning. As usual, the patter of the rain upon the roof had a remarkably exhilarating effect on nearly all people. The streets that had been well nigh deserted at all times during the dry spell, were crowded with people when business places opened. Men stood on the pavements and watched the rain come down, apparently bathing their webs and shaking out their plumage. Ladies shopped and scurried about in the showers as they hadn't done for weeks. "You jes watch," said an old timer: "the rainier the day in this town, the more wimmen ye'll see on the streets; they like the rain jes like a duck likes water, and they haint happy or healthy if they dont hev it."

The rainfall for January was 5.56 inches. It swells the total rainfall for the five months ending January 31st to 22.56 inches, which is about the average. The highest temperature during the month was 56 degrees, on the 11th and 12th. The lowest was 28 degrees, on the morning of the 1st. There was fog seven days and frost on 14 mornings. There were nine clear days, five part cloudy and 17 cloudy. The number of days on which one-hundredth of an inch of rain fell was 16. The greatest rainfall in 24 hours during the month was 1.24 inches.

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A STRANGE BIRD.

Sent to Portland—Mixture of China Pheasant and American Hen.

A bird that attracted the curious attention of everybody who saw it, left Corvallis for Portland by Thursday express. It is probably the only bird of its peculiar kind on earth. Nobody in this town ever saw another one just like it. It is half China pheasant and half Brown Leghorn chicken. It looked neither like the pheasant species, nor yet like its ancestors on the other side of the house. Its bill was a big thing, and was neither a chicken bill nor a pheasant's, but was totally unlike both. About its neck there were green feathers somewhat like those on a China's neck, but after that one slight similarity the resemblance was lost. The feathers on the body were reddish brown. The head was large, but was neither a hen's head, a rooster's head, nor yet a China. There was no ring about the neck, nor no long feathers in the tail. When the thing strutted, which it sometimes did, the tail feathers spread out in a very strange fashion. The body was longer than that of a chicken, and in size the bird was half as large again as a China cock. The noise the bird made when frightened or otherwise was neither a hen's cackle nor a china cock's crow, but was a dazzling mixture of both. It was a strange noise, such as no poultry fancier, nor no pheasant hunter ever heard.

The parents of the bird were a China cock and a Brown leghorn hen. It was very handsome in appearance and was admired by all who saw it. It was produced on one of the farms adjacent to Corvallis, and was sent by Sheriff Burnett as a present to Sheriff Story of Multnomah County.

SHE AND HE.

From Real Life—The Party Telephone Line and Tales it Tells.

It was a party telephone line in a certain neighborhood in Corvallis no matter where. This is what he and she actually said:

She, [tenderly]—"Is that you Sam?"

He, [gruffly]—"Yes, this is me."

She, [confidentially and tenderly still]—"Well, this is me."

He—"Yes."

She—"Aren't you coming up to-night, Sam?"

He—"No; I am going to bed in about ten minutes."

She—"What makes you so cross with me, Sam?"

He, [fiercely]—"Oh, I ain't cross; the fellows are making so much noise I can't hear."

She, [with great tenderness]—"Are you sick, Sam?"

He—"No, I ain't sick. I am going to bed now; goodbye."

She—"Good-bye, S-a-m."

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Teachers' Examination.

Notice is hereby given that the county superintendent of Benton County will hold the regular examination of applicants for state and county papers at Corvallis, Oregon, as follows:

For State Papers.

Commencing Wednesday, February 10, at nine o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday Feb. 13, at four o'clock p. m. Wednesday—Penmanship, history, spelling, algebra, reading, school law. Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, bookkeeping, physics, civil government.

Friday—Physiology, geography, mental arithmetic, composition, physical geography.

Saturday—Botany, plane geometry, general history, English literature, psychology.

For County Papers.

Commencing Wednesday Feb 10, at nine o'clock, a. m., and continuing until Friday, February 12 at four o'clock p. m. 1st. 2nd & 3rd Grade Certificates.

Wednesday—Penmanship, history, orthography, reading.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, physiology.

Friday—Geography, mental arithmetic school law, civil government.

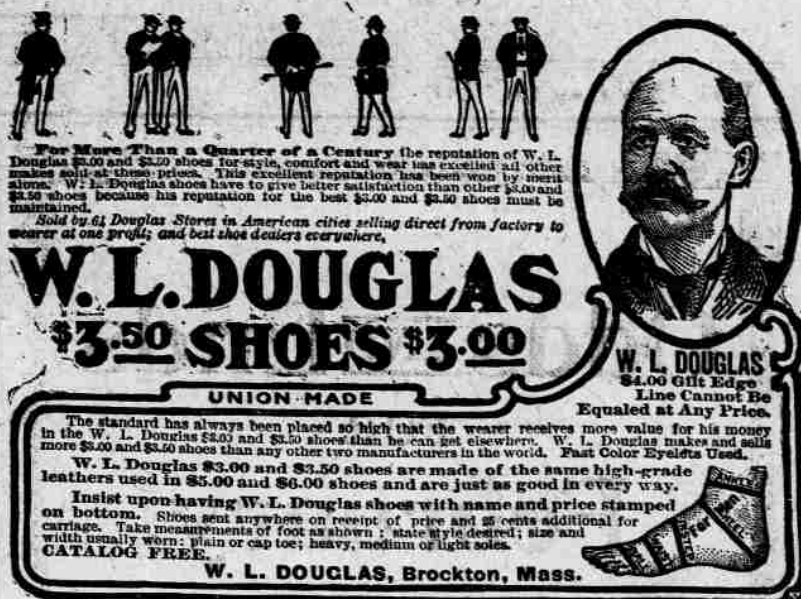
Primary Certificates.

Wednesday—Penmanship, orthography, reading, arithmetic.

Thursday—Art of questioning, theory of teaching, methods, physiology.

Dated this 30 day of January, Corvallis Oregon.

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ITCH—RINGWORM.

E. T. Lucas, Wingo, Ky., writes, April 25th, 1902: "For 10 to 12 years I had been afflicted with a malady known as the 'itch.' The itching was most unbearable; I had tried for years to find relief, having tried all remedies I could hear of, besides a number of doctors. I wish to state that one single application of Ballard's Snow Liniment cured me completely and permanently. Since then I have used the liniment on two separate occasions for ringworm and it cured completely. 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by Graham & Wortham.

Notice for Publication.

Timber Land Act June 3, 1878, United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon, January, 18th 1904.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Barney L. Carey of Falls City, county of Polk, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 6171, for the purpose of securing the right to purchase for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Victor P. Moses, Clerk of Benton County, at Corvallis, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 20th day of March, 1904.

He names as witnesses:
Jacob L. Henkle of Philomath, Oregon,
John W. Hyde
Frank Spencer
Michael Wynn
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 20th day of March 1904.

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Sheriff's Sale.

On the 13th day of February, 1904, at the hour of one o'clock p. m., at the front door of the Court House, in the City of Corvallis, Benton County, State of Oregon, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, the following described real estate, to-wit: Lot number 12, in Block number 3, in County Addition to the City of Corvallis, in Benton County, Oregon. Said sale is made under an execution and order of sale, in my hands issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Benton County, in the suit of Mary H. Whitby, Plaintiff, and against John M. Osburn and William Groves, defendants, proceeding to foreclose of a certain mortgage.

Dated this Jan 16, 1904.

M. P. BURNETT,

Sheriff of Benton County, Oregon.

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